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Confirmation No. 3497
Art Unit 1611
Attn: Mail Stop Amendment

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 10/502,403; § 371(c) Date: June 20, 2005
For: **Pharmaceutical Composition Containing Glimepiride and Metformin
Hydrochloride (as amended)**
Inventor: José Manuel Francisco LARA OCHOA
Our Ref: 2099.0090000/PAJ/LMB

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a);
2. Amendment & Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 along with Exhibits 1-3 attached; and
3. Online Credit Card Payment Authorization in the amount of **\$1,270.00** to cover the Extension of Time fee.

The above-listed documents are filed electronically through EFS-Web.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

Fee payment is provided through online credit card payment. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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